

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A strap assembly for a bow string release and adapted for securing the release to both the hand and wrist, the strap assembly comprising:
 - a. a base pad adapted to cover the back of the hand and having opposite edges extending generally along the top and bottom of the hand to an area behind the thumb;
 - b. a finger pad secured to the bottom of the base pad and wrapping around to the front of the hand when placed on the hand;
 - c. a release retaining member between the base pad and the finger pad for securing a release to the assembly, the finger pad, base pad and release retaining member forming a circumferential opening for accommodating the fingers of the hand;
 - d. a securing mechanism for securing the opposite edges of the base pad to one another in an area behind the thumb.
2. The strap assembly of claim 1, wherein the securing mechanism comprises an elongated strap having opposite ends, one end secured to a first edge of the base pad, and a latch assembly adjacent a second edge of the base pad, with the opposite end of the strap passing through the latch assembly.
3. The strap assembly of claim 2, wherein the latch assembly is a cinch latch and the strap may be tightened about the hand and wrist behind the thumb by pulling and cinching the opposite end of the strap.
4. The strap assembly of claim 3, the cinch latch further including a quick release mechanism whereby the cinch latch frees the cinched strap.
5. The strap assembly of claim 2, wherein the pad and elongated strap form a circumferential opening adapted for accommodating the hand and through which the hand may be inserted in order to place the strap assembly on and in circumscribing

relationship with the hand and wrist.

6. The strap assembly of claim 2, further including means for securing the loose outer end of the strap to the pad once the strap assembly is mounted on the hand and wrist.
7. A strap assembly adapted for carrying a bow string release, the strap assembly generally circumscribing the hand and adapted to be secured behind the hand and thumb in a circumscribing relationship with the wrist, the strap assembly comprising:
 - a. a base pad generally overlying the back of the hand and having a top edge extending generally along the top edge of the hand and a bottom edge extending generally along the bottom edge of the hand;
 - b. a finger pad secured to the bottom edge of the pad;
 - c. a release supporting bridge between the finger pad and the base pad;
 - d. a fastener for securing the top and bottom edges to one another about the wrist behind the thumb.
8. The strap assembly of claim 7, wherein the bridge, finger pad and base pad form a circumferential opening for accommodating the fingers.
- ~~9~~ 10. The strap assembly of claim 7, wherein the base pad and fastener form a loop for accommodating the hand and wrist.
- ~~10~~ 9. The strap assembly of claim 8, wherein the upper edge of the base pad extends forward and over the index finger when the fingers are inserted in the circumferential opening.
11. The strap assembly of claim 7, the base pad comprising a soft resilient, non-stretchable material.
12. The strap assembly of claim 11, the base pad further comprising a multiple ply assembly with a soft cushion insert sandwiched between an outer and inner cover of

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soft, resilient, non-stretchable material.

13. The strap assembly of claim 7, wherein the bridge is made of a rigid material.
14. The strap assembly of claim 7, wherein the finger pad is made of a rigid material.

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